



Malcolm Wood

Deputy Chief Operating Officer NASA Michoud Assembly Facility



Malcolm W. Wood is the deputy chief operating officer of NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans. Named to the position in 2007, he manages the day-to-day operations of NASA's only manufacturing facility. Sitting on 832 acres, Michoud is a multi-tenant manufacturing facility, where development of NASA's Space Launch System (SLS) and Orion spacecraft are underway. SLS, the world's most powerful rocket will carry astronauts in the Orion crew vehicle, science experiments and cargo on deep-space missions, including journeys to Mars.

Michoud played an historic role in producing the Apollo Program Saturn V first stage booster that launched U.S. astronauts to the moon and the Space Shuttle Program external fuel tanks that helped power the shuttles toward orbit for over 30 years. Today, Michoud is a diverse, state-of-the-art facility, housing NASA future program development, the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Finance Center, U.S. Coast Guard Base New Orleans and several commercial endeavors.

Prior to his arrival with NASA, Wood was director of Lockheed Martin's Facility Operations group at Michoud. For 27 years, he led the efforts to operate the Michoud infrastructure, responsible for 400 engineers, administrative and craft persons to manage, maintain and operate the facility.

During his career Wood has received numerous awards and honors. In 2005, he received the NASA Bravery Medal for his outstanding leadership during the recovery efforts at Michoud following Hurricane Katrina. He received the prestigious NASA Silver Snoopy in 1987, for outstanding work on the Space Shuttle External Tank Project. He is a U.S. Navy veteran serving aboard the destroyer Forrest Royal and the aircraft carrier Franklin Roosevelt.

A native of Mississippi, Wood received a bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering Technology from Southern Mississippi University.

He and his wife, the former Mary Dyle of Pearl River County, Mississippi, reside in Picayune, Mississippi and have three grown children, sons Matthew and Christopher, and a daughter Kristen.

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